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Remarks

Claims 58, 62, and 73-75 are pending in the subject application. The Office Action of November 19, 2001 has set forth a variety of rejections

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 101:

The Office Action, dated November 19, 2001, has rejected claims 58, 62, and 73-75 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 for allegedly lacking utility. Specifically, the Office Action alleges that the only taught utilities of the protein (encompassed by the present claims) are to detect the protein, to make